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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the December 1 Milk Production Report. Total production and number of cows are reported for selected states and the U.S.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Idaho Milk Production Up 4.9 Percent

Idaho milk production during November 2008 totaled 997 million pounds, a 4.9 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 39 million pounds from October 2008, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. October 2008 milk production was revised to 1,036 million pounds, down 6 million pounds from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in November 2008 was 1,800 pounds, down 10 pounds from November 2007. The average number of milk cows during November was 554,000 head, unchanged from October 2008 but up 29,000 head from November 2007.

Milk production in the 23 major States during November totaled 14.0 billion pounds, up 1.4 percent from November 2007. October revised production at 14.4 billion pounds, was up 1.6 percent from October 2007.

The October revision represented an increase of 16 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,657 pounds for November, 3 pounds above November 2007. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 99,000 head more than November 2007, and 6,000 head more than October 2008.

Milk Cows and Production: by Month, Idaho, 2007-2008

Month	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2007
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	502	534	1,850	1,870	929	999	7.5
February ^{3/}	504	537	1,680	1,750	847	940	11.0
March	504	540	1,880	1,885	948	1,018	7.4
April	503	543	1,860	1,850	936	1,005	7.4
May	506	550	1,930	1,930	977	1,062	8.7
June	508	551	1,910	1,900	970	1,047	7.9
July	516	556	1,970	1,960	1,017	1,090	7.2
August	520	555	1,970	1,970	1,024	1,093	6.7
September	521	554	1,880	1,870	979	1,036	5.8
October*	522	554	1,880	1,870	981	1,036	5.6
November	525	554	1,810	1,800	950	997	4.9
December	530		1,870		991		
Annual	513		22,513		11,549		

*Revised 1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves. 3/ 2008 Leap Year

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, November 2007-2008

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2007
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	185	187	1,830	1,850	339	346	2.1
California	1,830	1,840	1,810	1,795	3,312	3,303	-0.3
Colorado	120	130	1,900	1,845	228	240	5.3
Florida	125	119	1,200	1,300	150	155	3.3
Idaho	525	554	1,810	1,800	950	997	4.9
Illinois	103	102	1,470	1,470	151	150	-0.7
Indiana	166	167	1,650	1,580	274	264	-3.6
Iowa	215	215	1,590	1,630	342	350	2.3
Kansas	108	118	1,640	1,720	177	203	14.7
Kentucky	88	87	1,100	1,100	97	96	-1
Michigan	343	352	1,825	1,755	626	618	-1.3
Minnesota	463	465	1,500	1,525	695	709	2
Missouri	109	110	1,190	1,175	130	129	-0.8
New Mexico	337	333	1,780	1,900	600	633	5.5
New York	626	624	1,575	1,580	986	986	-
Ohio	277	278	1,430	1,450	396	403	1.8
Oregon	115	114	1,490	1,570	171	179	4.7
Pennsylvania	550	548	1,580	1,510	869	827	-4.8
Texas	351	390	1,760	1,765	618	688	11.3
Vermont	140	139	1,465	1,460	205	203	-1
Virginia	100	97	1,400	1,410	140	137	-2.1
Washington	244	245	1,850	1,850	451	453	0.4
Wisconsin	1,249	1,254	1,550	1,565	1,936	1,963	1.4
23 State Total	8,369	8,468	1,654	1,657	13,843	14,032	1.4

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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